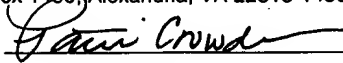




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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Gaetan L. Mathieu

Application No.: 09/547,561

Filing Date: April 12, 2000

For: SHAPED SPRINGS

Examiner: Gilman, Alexander

Group Art Unit: 2833

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), an extension of time of:

<u>Months Requested</u>		<u>Large Entity Fee</u>
First Month	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 110.00
Second Month	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 430.00
Third Month***	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$ 980.00
Fourth Month	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 1,530.00
Fifth Month	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 2,080.00

is hereby requested to:

- ☒ respond to the Official Action mailed July 9, 2004;
☐ other (specify): _____

The requisite fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 is:

- ☒ Charge \$ 870.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0285 (Order No P98-US). ***PLEASE NOTE THAT A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME WAS PREVIOUSLY PAID TO THE USPTO ON NOVEMBER 1, 2004 FOR RESPONDING TO THIS SAME OFFICIAL ACTION (See copy enclosed). THEREFORE, APPLICANTS AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER TO DEDUCT \$870 FROM THE REFERENCED DEPOSIT ACCOUNT FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION FEE LESS THE PRIOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION FEE PAID ON NOVEMBER 1, 2004.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this transmittal and associated documents, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0285. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 10, 2005

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